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A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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a. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 9-185219. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 5 of the specification of the present application and is shown in the English-language abstract.

b. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 10-232534. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 4 of the specification of the present application and is shown in the English-language abstract.

c. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 1-267667. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 4 of the specification of the present application and is shown in the English-language abstract.

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		9-185219	Jul. 15, 1997	Japan			w/abstract
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		1-267667	Oct. 25, 1989	Japan			w/abstract

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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